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Re: Staff Data Requests

Illinois Commerce Commission v. Peoples

Gas, Light & Coke Co.
III. C.C. Docket No. 01-0707

Dear Ms. Klyasheff,

As you are aware, the Staff Witnesses served various data requests on Peoples in January with requested response dates of February 4 and 9. I am somewhat shocked by your message that you will not honor the requested response dates.

I have had cases where partial answers to data requests are made as soon as available. I have had cases where the party receiving the data request has indicated the inability to meet the proposed response date when the data request received. I have not had in recent memory a case where the requested response date is ignored out of hand.

I realize that Peoples is unhappy with the positions taken by the Staff Witnesses in this case. However, delaying responses to data requests to the last possible moment does not help anyone in this case.

Yours truly,

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